The Local Kids’ Guide to Edinburgh

Who better to recommend the best family-fun to be had in Edinburgh than the kids of Edinburgh themselves!

Local children aged 3–15 have shared their favourite places across the city and we’ve compiled them into this exciting ‘Local Kids Guide to Edinburgh’ to help you plan, see and enjoy more of Edinburgh.

Mix and match from the list below for the perfect trip to Edinburgh!

1. The Meadows
   A green haven in the heart of the city with two fun play parks.

2. Topping & Company Booksellers of Edinburgh
   A little book-lover’s treasure trove.

3. Toys Galore
   Art & crafts, jigsaws, books, train sets & more since 1981.

4. Cramond Village & Beach
   Build a sandcastle, scoot along the prom and go island-spotting.

5. The Edinburgh Bookshop
   Award-winning bookshop loved by little bookworms.

6. Civerinos
   Enjoy a slice of New York or a taste of Italy in a trendy setting.

7. LEGO® Store
   Build something awesome with LEGO®

8. Fountain Park
   Cinema, bowling, bouncing, dining and playing.

9. Jupiter Artland
   Colourful sculpture park with creative children’s activities.

10. Build-A-Bear Workshop
    Create and build your very own teddy bear.

11. Chihuahua Café
    Enjoy Chihuahua cuddles and sweet treats.

12. The Chocolatarium
    Create your very own chocolate masterpiece.

13. Arthur’s Seat & Salisbury Crags
    Climb Edinburgh’s 600ft extinct volcano. How far can you see?

14. The Union Canal
    Cycle, scoot, walk or paddleboard along this tranquil canal.

15. Mimi’s Bakehouse
    Cute cupcakes and heavenly hot chocolate.

16. Wings
    Deep-fried, baked, buffalo, or teriyaki... how’d you like your chicken wings?

17. McLarens on The Corner
    Family-friendly grub with quirky Ski Gondolas.

18. Volcano Falls Adventure Golf
    Dinosaur-themed mini-golf adventures with two 18-hole courses.

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19. Open-top bus tours
Discover Edinburgh from the top deck.

20. Portobello Beach
Edinburgh’s seaside with parks, arcades, ice cream and scenic promenade.

21. Colinton Tunnel
Enchanting railway tunnel with Scotland’s largest historical mural.

22. Camera Obscura & World of Illusions
Five floors jam-packed with optical illusions. Nothing is what is seems!

23. Cosmo World Buffet Edinburgh
Feast on buffet dishes from all over the globe.

24. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Donation recommended
Fossil trees, nature trails and a willow maze to explore!

25. Edinburgh Zoo
Meet pandas, giraffes, tigers and the legendary knighted penguin.

26. Gulliver’s Toys and Gifts
From Barbie to Hot Wheels, you’ll be spoilt for choice.

27. Water features outside Scottish Parliament
Great photo or picnic spot – just don’t get wet!

28. Lucas Ice Cream Shop
Ice cream galore. What will you order?

29. Mercat Tours
Light-hearted gory stories and underground vaults.

30. Water of Leith Walkway
Spot kingfishers, otters and herons on this riverside city walk.

31. Kaspa’s Edinburgh
One of the UK’s favourite desserts restaurants.

32. Lane7 Edinburgh
Bowling and games in a super disco setting.

33. Gladstone’s Land
Step back in time and explore 17th century Edinburgh.

34. National Museum of Scotland
Towering dinosaurs, worldwide animals, marvellous inventions & more.

35. Blackford Hill
Panoramic views and peaceful pond walks. Can you spot the ducks?

36. Craigmillar Castle
Unforgettable Medieval castle with great city views and walks.

37. Princes Street Gardens
Play next to the big fountain and under the shadow of Edinburgh Castle.

38. Edinburgh Castle
Remember – cover your ears at 1pm when visiting this 900 year old castle!

39. Mary’s Milk Bar
Retro gelato parlour with views of Edinburgh Castle.

40. Dr Neil’s Garden
Secret garden nestled next to Arthur’s Seat.

41. Saughton Park and Gardens
Skatepark and playpark with garden bistro for an afternoon treat.

42. Bonnie & Wild Scottish Marketplace
Expand your little taste buds at Edinburgh’s indoor food hall.

43. Wild West Cowboy Street
Step into the Wild West, but can you find this hidden street?

44. Stack & Still
Sweet or savoury – how do you enjoy your pancakes?

45. Dynamic Earth
Time-travel from the Big Bang to the present day!

46. Cammo Estate
Perfect for wildlife spotting and stretching those little legs.

47. Los Argentinos
Traditional Argentinian steakhouse and grill.

48. LOVE Gorgie Farm
Donation recommended
Urban farm with alpacas, goats, guinea pigs and more.

49. Conifox Adventure Park
Kids Adventure Park with Go-Karts, Pedal Tractors, Pillow Jumps and more.

50. Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art
Fun grounds with sensory sculpture trail.

For more inspiration on what to see and do, visit edinburgh.org
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